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Enclosed is my mail auction catalog #20, which is a limited offering of political graphic arts. Since this catalog is so small, I decided to experiment with full color photos of some items. This catalog is not being sent to my entire political mailing list, but only to several hundred customers who have previously bid on similar items, and to new APIC members who have joined in the past month or two and have therefore never received one of my regular catalogs.

NOTE catalog photos are not to scale - see descriptions for sizes.

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400.00

600.00

375.0

175.0

275.

60.0

Outstanding pair jugate flags McKinley-TR, Bryan-Stevenson, 6 xl3 red/wht/blue. Generally superb condition, a little minor soiling. This same pair was on the market about six months ago, and I was the buyer. This time they will no doubt disappear 4500.00

into a collection for years to come 450 Unique watercolor pen & ink artwork for a woman suffrage poster. 9½x14, bright colors, small Capitol and Washington Monument at right. Near mint 550.00

Brilliant multicolor Admiral Dewey poster that I haven't seen before, artwork by Willard Elkins 1898. Great graphics, ships, warrior with flaming sword, weeping Liberty above Maine, near mint McClellan-Pendleton Grand National Banner 1864, entire design near

mint, great color. Some small chips and wear in white margins only - would be completely hidden by mat or frame. Full size 24" wood violin with full color litho 3½x4¼ under the varnish. Youngish bearded Lincoln, seated Liberty draped 500.00 in flags below. Probably done in France, definitely of the period 1861-1865. Excellent condition, with bow and case. Most likely unique 3500.00

Great graphics on this 24" RWB textile with chocolate brown pics McKinley-Hobart, near mint

Oil painting on canvas Zachary Taylor in uniform, appx 9x11

in magnificent custom made frame $15\frac{1}{2}x17\frac{1}{2}$. A fine 1840's piece 1750.00 Large 19" blue Staffordshire meat platter, with grooves and

well for juice. Battle scene with cavalry, border of flags,drums, cannon, swords. Titled "Texian Campaigne." This rare series of china is not well understood. Some believe the scenes show Mexican War battles, but the spelling "Texian" was in use prior to statehood, and together with the color and style of the coupled with the fact that most of the Mexican War was fought in Mexico, this leads me to believe that the series refers to the Texas War of Independence, circa 1836. A very rare piece in perfect condition, a duplicate from my own collection of rare American historical pottery. 2000.00

Fremont-Dayton Grand National Banner 1856. Good colors, but several tears and also a scuff above Fremont's head (on wreath). The flaws are not readily apparent unless examined closely. If perfect would be \$7-800.

Historical Americana doesn't get much better than this piece. Painted leather parade hat of the type used mostly by early firemen. Large sunburst design "MONROE", with date 1823, during his administration. Owners initials APH on top. Original cloth label of maker inside, James Hill, Callowhill St (Philadelphia). In the finest original condition I have ever seen for a painted hat. Height 6", diameter 13". Bargain hunters please bid on something else - I paid \$9500 for this 12,500,00

Great 30x40 poster, near mint (tiny souff and few tiny insect holes on crown of hat). A super poster. Rare! 225.00 225.00

Rare color poster 23x32 for Andrew Curtin in his 1863 reelection campaign against George Woodward for Governor of Pennsylvania. A rarity by any standards - the color printing makes it truly extraordinary. 600.00

Hayes-Wheeler jugate wall chart 28x36 with wood strips. Great color, slogans, biographies, platform. Would be \$1000-1500 if perfect, but has numerous creases and wrinkles (typical for these charts). Will look fine in a nice frame.

One of the finest pieces I have ever offered. 17" carved ivory page flipper, used to turn pages in large books. Large relief design Sheffield handle. Carved portrait "Jefferson - A True Mason" with other designs of masonic compass, Indian on pedestal "Virtue and Silence", another with scales on pedestal "True Friendship." Superb condition, wonderful mellow patina, 100% unconditionally guaranteed. I bought this about 15 years ago, and it's one of the few non-china items remaining from my own personal collection.

Superb temperance needlework, framed 16x19. Text in form of tree, using archaic spelling with f's replacing s's. "The sin of drunkeness expels reason, drowns memory, distempers the body, defaces beauty, diminishes strength, corrupts the blood.... is a witch to the senses, a devil to the soul, a thief to the pocket.... the root of all evil is drunkeness". Signed Elizabeth Mary Silver, Aged 12, 1832. Excellent condition and color. Schoolgirl needlework is a highly desirable and very popular early folk art, but

examples with historical motifs are exceedingly rare. 1500.00 One of the rarest political paper items I've offered, $5\frac{1}{4}x8\frac{1}{4}$ coated stock card with jugate portraits Polk-Dallas, symbolic and patriotic emblems, Texas lone star in sky. Invitation to Democratic Inauguration Ball 3/4/1845, filled out to Miss Bessie Amelia Nichols. List of Committee below, including James Buchanan, John P Hale, Francis Blair, Many others. Near mint. 1250.00

Extremely rare kerchief $16\mathrm{x}19$, bright deep brown on white. "Uncle Tom's Cabin... Scenes daily and hourly acting under the Shadow of American Law," with a couple dozen scenes from the book on the evils of slavery. Circa 1852, mint, terrific Rare Revolutionary War engraving $4\frac{1}{2}x7\frac{1}{2}$, in nice custom frame

14x17 (not shown). "His Excellency George Washington Esqr, Captain General of all the American Forces." Engraved by John Norman, Boston, 1781. Mint. 350.00

Another engraving by Norman, 5x8 "His Excellency John Hancock Esqr, Late President of the American Congress." Please note that usage of "late" meant "former", and did not refer to someone deceased. This is circa 1781, when Hancock was Governor of Massachusetts 225.00

8x10 broadside 1851, against Robert C Winthrop, Whig candidate for Gov of Mass. Most of text is about Fugitive Slave Law and its support by Pres Fillmore and Whig Party, saying Webster is primarily responsible for it. Numerous mentions of Winthrop and a conspiracy

20 (cont) to make him Gov and Webster President in 1852. Great

content. Excellent plus, minor waterstain top margin Rare early tobacco label 6x7½, black on yellow, Abraham Lincoln Tabacos, Havana Segars, "Honest Old Abe" with beardless portrait. Slight discoloration upper right, excellent

Blk/wht poster 85xll, slight wear, UKA Rare Grant textile 21x28, blk/wht with bright orange border. Circa 1870, excellent condition, some light foxing

500. Presidential land grant to family of James Harrison, a Lieutenant in the Virginia Line. Signed by Pres James Monroe, with applied Pres Seal. In superb 21x25 blue-gray custom frame with complementin, mat. Excellent condition with very clear writing and signatures, small piece of margin missing in two corners. Unique Abolitionist banner 42x54, brilliant multi woven border,

black letters on heavy glazed muslin "I Am an Abolitionist, I Glory in the Name...." "Virtues Shrine... Libertys Abode Sacred to Freedom and Freedoms God." Near mint, some very minor light waterstain. A great piece of historical Americana. 1000.0 Rare 1860 sheet music Breckinridge Schottische, exc 275.

27 11x14 blk/wht poster Harding-Coolidge-Boies Penrose-other Penna locals. Near mint.

125.1 Rare blk/wht poster 14x20, Uncle Sam with Bryan "Mr Bryan - Your Enemies are Mine Also." Excellent, minor stain right margin 125.

Rare 1812 litho 15x20 blk/wht with gold background at top. Titled "The First Great Western Empire - The United States of America", portraits GW - Adams - Jefferson - Madison. Great patriot slogans, industry and shipping woodcuts, populations, Temple of Freedom, GW speech, song Columbia, description of US. Overall excellent, few minor specks of foxing, couple small tears, narrow 2x2 piece missing bottom center edge. A significant rarity, nice graphics.

Racist anti semitic broadside by German American Bund, late 1930's. Jewish caricature, hammer & sickle, "God Serving Nationalis Americans....God Hating International Parasites, Jewish-Marxist Internationalism." Long vicious text. Excellent, very rare

14" pen & ink cartoon signed Halladay. FDR riding New Deal treadmill, racing for sunrise of \$80 Billion National Income. Titled "Getting Nowhere Fast" Rare broadside 20x25 General Taylors Letters in Reference to the

Presidency." Basically a series of letters in response to approaches from Whigs, Native Americans and Democrats, reaffirming his non partisan views, saying he would be President for the people, not for any political party. Excellent, some stain in bottom margin.

Lincoln parade banner 36x39 (photo came out a bit light). Black letters on white muslin, deep chocolate brown velvet border. "Abraham Lincoln. Revered at home, honored abroad - His Name shall be for aye A spell to break Oppressions rod And check foul treasons sway." Reverse Caledonia Sons of Temperance, Boston, Inst March 11 1859. Superb condition. I believe this to be an 1864 campaign banne but it could be 1865 inaugural or memorial. The brown border (not black) and the references to oppression/treason would indicate that 5000.

it is <u>not</u> memorial. Outstanding and unique 5000 33A Large $\overline{48x52}$ multicolor woven tapestry, portrait TR, four scenes of TR and cowboy on horseback, large eagles, shields, stars. Most collectors are familiar with this piece, but few realize that it should be in color as originally made. These are usually seen in browntones due to fading of the original reds/greens/yellows. Near mint, a great wall hanging.

Superb War of 1812 patriotic broadside in gilt lined walnut frame 13x14. A New Song - CONSTITUTION - Composed by James Campbell Boatswains Mate. Eagle, naval battle of Constitution & Guerriere. Great text about Const, Hull, Guerriere, Dacres, etc. Generally excellent plus, a little minor soil & foxing. Highly desirable 750. with the large woodcuts.

Rare Lincoln Quick Step music, excellent, blk/gray/sepia 29" felt pennant red/wht, near mint

16" RWB paper hat, could be folded two ways to have Mck/Hobart or Bryan/Sewall portraits, with names, dates. Terrific condition, only a little minor wear at corners. 12x13 blk/wht silk kerchief Wilson, exc, scarce 85.

125. Rare anti Jackson cartoon 13x17 in nice custom frame (not shown) 20x24. (Photo didn't come out very good - image is bright and clear Published by Imberts Caricature Store, Broadway, NY. Titled "Let Every One Take Care of Himself....Jack Ass said dancing among chickens." Jacksons head on ass as he tramples chicks labeled "Branch Banks". His howling dog supporters praise his dancing. Fox with Van Buren's head creeps up on mother hen "US Bank". Excellent plus, couple minor little edge tears and wrinkles, slight touch

of foxing. A very rare item for the classic Jacksonian issue 33 Great Lincoln - McClellan Currier & Ives cartoon 1864 "Your Flan and Mine." McC offers olive branch to crazed Jeff Davis, tells him to take back his nigger, who protests that he's an honored soldier. Jeff tells US to submit to Southern Masters. At other side Lincoln holds bayonet to Jeff, demands unconditional surrender. Jeff admits his folly as proud black soldier looks on. Near mint, minor foxing at lower edge. Framed 14x18. One of the classic issues of the campaign was the Copperheads opposition to vigorous prosecution of the war, and many considered McClellan to be in bed with traitor 375.

41 Rare 5" FDR multi porcelain toby mug by Royal Winton. The only one of these I've had. Perfect.

The much more common MacArthur toby by Royal Winton, 6" Rare cigar box 8x5x4 "Our Governor W.D.Bloxham", portraits on lid and on end label (lid has some waterstain around top). He was

Gov of Florida 1881/1897.

Highly desirable Currier print Cass - Butler 1848, rarc horizontal format with wreaths. Strong colors, a little foxing, excellent 575

Symphony orchestra gets Abraham Lincoln violin

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Only four days short of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra received the

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gift of a violin in the president's name in a brief dedication cere-

mony during Saturday night's concert.

The "Abraham Lincoln" violin, crafted by North Carolina violin maker John Sipe in honor of the 16th president of the United States, was given by David P. McNight, who delighted the audience with a tune in Blue Ridge Mountain "fiddle" style before presenting it to association president Dr. Donald Miedema.

Kenneth Kiesler, music director of the SSO, then handed the instrument to Concertmaster Gabriel Pegis, who demonstrated (in a lovely unaccompanied Bach solo) that the only difference between a fiddle and a violin is the music that is played.

It was a concert of "Number Two's," according to Kiesler in his Concert Comments prior to the performance — The Beethoven "Leonore Overture No. 2," the Sibelius "Symphony No. 2" and a "Double Concerto for Two Percussion and Orchestra" by Anthony Cirone.

Somewhere, however, he got his math mixed up, because the concert also included a "Symphony for Eight Timpani and Orchestra." This was probably the most interesting work on the program. Johann Carl Christian Fischer, an 18th century composer, is credited with this work, which is really more of a concerto than a symphony.

Percussion soloist David Collier admitted that it was unnerving to be

in front of the orchestra instead of behind it, but he proved admirably athletic in attacking all those kettledrums. In the 1700's, these drums didn't have the pedals like those of today, and each drum played only one note of the scale.

Remarkably melodic, the piece gave us a refreshing new look at an instrument that we sometimes think only provides the thundering drama of the orchestra.

Equally fascinating was the Cirone double concerto, for it added many more percussion instruments — snare, field and bass drums — even cowbells and gongs. I usually take notes while listening, but Kim Shelley and Michael Faris kept me so entranced that the piece was over before I wrote a word. Very rhythmic and contemporary (written in 1968), it was a complete contrast to the Fi-

The Beethoven opened the program, and although this may not be everybody's favorite of the three "Leonores," I was struck once again by Kiesler's mastery of Beethoven. I think perhaps his genius with this composer lies in the fact that he doesn't try to over-manage or over-dramatize the music; he lets it speak for itself. Beethoven was a master dramatist himself, and when he decided to "let 'er rip," no one does it better.

The Sibelius second symphony was superb; the second movement's dark, threatening mood was particularly well done, and the finale was glorious, providing a fitting climax to a beautiful concert.

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